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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 2 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

12 noon	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

Angola (S/1998/1110)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10.30 a.m.	76th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in the Middle East [40]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/550 and A/53/652)

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.52, A/53/L.53 and Corr.1 (English, Spanish and Russian only))

2. Question of Palestine: draft resolutions (A/53/L.48, A/53/L.49, A/53/L.50 and A/53/L.51)

3 p.m.	77th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall .

Fiftieth anniversary of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide: draft resolution (A/53/L.47) [46 (b)]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Results-based budgeting (A/53/500 and Add.1 and A/53/655)), 118 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/53/11)) and 121 (United Nations pension system (A/53/9 and Add.1, A/C.5/53/3, A/C.5/53/18, A/53/511 and A/53/696))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Human resources management (A/53/642, A/53/501, A/C.5/52/2, A/52/814, A/53/266, A/53/327, A/53/342, A/53/375 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), A/53/385, A/53/414, A/53/502 and Add.1, A/53/526 and Add.1, A/53/548 and A/C.5/53/L.3, A/C.5/53/34 and Corr.1, and A/53/691))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 135 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)) and 137 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659))

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OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE QUESTION OF EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION ON AND INCREASE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	1st meeting (closed)	General Assembly Hall

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

1999 organizational session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	225th meeting	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft Report
2. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Working Group on the Optional Protocol will be held by the Bureau of the Commission *today,* 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 2 December 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.-9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS
(on draft resolutions A/53/L.39 and L.40)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be meetings of the Technical Group of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) *today*, 2 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/53/L.58 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples) *today*, 2 December 1998, from 12.15 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Informal consultations

H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh) will coordinate informal consultations on the adoption of the draft Declaration and Programme of Action on Culture of Peace (agenda item 31) *today*, 2 December 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal briefing

There will be a briefing by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea on the theme "Seoul Forum: Asia-Africa Cooperation in Export Promotion (14-16 December 1998)", as well as on the International Expert Meeting on "Sustainable Consumption Patterns: Trends and Traditions in East Asia" (27-29 January 1999) *today*, 2 December 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 3 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 30 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

10.30 a.m.	1st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

3 p.m.	78th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]:

   (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/53/23 (Parts I-IX));

   (b) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/368, A/53/130 and Corr.1);

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.58, A/53/23 (Part II), Chapter III, para.12)

2. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/595) [81]

3. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/596) [82]

4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/597) [83]

5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/598) [84]

6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/599) [85]

7. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/600) [86]

8. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/601) [87]

9. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/602) [88 and 18]

10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/603) [89 and 12]

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/604) [90]

12. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/53/594) [18]

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/53/L.58, A/53/23 (Part II), Chapter III, para.12) [18].

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Thursday, 3 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 8 December 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place over the whole day on Friday, 11 December 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan).

The meeting will be devoted to the Year 2000 Issue. It will focus on international cooperation, contingency planning for priority sectors and crisis management.

National Y2K Coordinators from all Member States have been invited. In order to help the developing countries and countries in transition ensure their participation, limited funding to cover costs of travel and stay has been made available by the Trust Fund of the World Bank on a first-come-first-served basis. All delegations are invited to participate.

Further information can be requested from the Information Technology Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat (Mr. Eduardo Blinder (tel.: 212-963-8194, fax: 212-963-0952, e-mail: blinder@un.org)).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on Fifth Committee matters*) on Thursday, 3 December 1998, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Informal meeting

The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO) will hold a meeting to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on the theme "CONGO at fifty: a reaffirmation of commitment". The event, sponsored by the Department of Public Information, will take place on Thursday, 3 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The keynote speaker will be Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the accredited media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations, organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, on Thursday, 3 December 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 on follow-up to the report of the Secretary General on "Arrangements and Practices for the Interaction of Non-governmental Organizations in all Activities of the United Nations System" (A/53/170). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Orientation course

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing an orientation course on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday 7 to Wednesday 16 December 1998.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 1December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

74th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [39]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/53/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/652)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.48, A/53/L.49, A/53/L.50 and A/53/L.51)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 39.

Statements were made by the representatives of Viet Nam, Algeria, Sri Lanka, Ghana, Yemen, Ukraine, Togo, Guyana, South Africa, Egypt, Pakistan, Tunisia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Namibia and Qatar.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the observer of Palestine and the representative of Israel.

The President informed the Assembly that action on draft resolutions A/53/L.48, L.49, L.50 and L.51 would be taken on the following day, Wednesday, 2 December 1998, in the morning.

75th plenary meeting

The situation in the Middle East [40]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/550 and A/53/652);

(b) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.52, A/53/L.53 and Corr.1 (English, Russian and Spanish only))

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Israel and Indonesia.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, India, the United States, Kuwait, Turkey, Kazakhstan, Senegal, Egypt, Lebanon, Argentina, Jordan, Belarus, Yemen, the Russian Federation and Japan.

In the exercise of the right of reply, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that the third report of the General Committee would be taken up on Monday, 7 December 1998, at 10 a. m., as the first item.

GENERAL COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

(a) Agenda item 167 (Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo)

The Chairman recalled that the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, had included the agenda item entitled "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo" at its 46th plenary meeting, on 28 October 1998.

The representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning his request for the allocation of agenda item 167 entitled "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo".

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda, Mexico and France.

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Rwanda, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Rwanda made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that agenda item 167 should be considered directly in the plenary meeting.

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Dominican Republic(A/53/234)

The representative of the Dominican Republic, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning his request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly" (A/53/234).

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Ecuador, at the request of the representative of the Dominican Republic, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Ecuador (also on behalf of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nepal, New Zealand and the Dominican Republic) made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, China, Morocco, Mongolia, France, the Russian Federation and Mexico.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 42nd meeting

Note: The summary of the 42nd meeting of the Second Commitee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/232).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 38th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) *Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/53/L.23* (A/C.5/53/37)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the report of that Committee.

The representative of Algeria made a statement.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division responded to a question posed.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly, that should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.23, an additional requirement of $19,000 would be required over and above the resources approved under section 22, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. The additional requirements for the year 2000 would be dealt with in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(b) *Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.18/ Rev.1* (A/C.5/53/36)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the report of that Committee.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly, that should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.18/Rev.1, an additional provision of $33,200 would be required over and above the resources approved under section 22, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. The additional requirements for the year 2000 would be dealt with in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) *Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO* (A/C.5/52/25, A/C.5/52/45, A/53/7/Add.3 and A/C.5/53/38)

The Chairman of the 31st session of the International Trade Centre/Joint Advisory Group made a statement.

The representative of Algeria made a statement.

The Chairman of the 31st session of the International Trade Centre/Joint Advisory Group and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions posed.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note of the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/53/38) and to endorse the administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre/UNCTAD/WTO, as contained in paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/7/Add.3).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(b) *Procurement reform* (A/52/887, A/52/1010, A/C.5/52/46, A/53/271 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/53/692)

Statements were made by the representatives of Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the United States and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, China, the Russian Federation, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the Republic of Korea, Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Cuba.

The representative of Poland aligned itself with the statement made by the representative of Austria who spoke on behalf of the European Union.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human resources management made a concluding statement and responded to questions posed during the general discussion on this item.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs replied to questions raised by the representative of Ethiopia at the 26th meeting on 13 November 1998.

The representative of Ethiopia made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item at this stage.

The Chairman informed the Committee, that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin tomorrow, Wednesday, 2 December, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Miles Armitage (Australia), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Tunisia, Cuba, Costa Rica, Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

Corrigendum to the summary of the 3949th meeting of the Security Council (see *Journal* (No. 1998/228, p. 8), below the number of the meeting replace *The situation in Haiti* by *The question concerning Haiti.*

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 1998

49th and 50th meetings

General discussion devoted to the right to education (articles 13 and 14 of the Covenant) [7]

The Committee held a day of general discussion devoted to the right to education (articles 13 and 14 of the Covenant). Members of the Committee, representatives of the various United Nations organs, representatives of non-governmental organizations as well as experts took part in the discussion.

TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 1998

51st and 52nd meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the third periodic report of Canada (E/1994/104/Add.17) and of the initial report of Israel (E/1990/5/Add.39) in closed meeting.

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the Covenant [3]

The Committee considered and adopted the general comment on domestic application, as well as the general comment on the role of national institutions in realization of economic, social and cultural rights.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Nicaragua (30 November 1998)*
Ratification: Sweden (30 November 1998)*

European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC). Geneva, 1 February 1991

Accession: Georgia (30 November 1998)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Ratification: Uzbekistan (30 November 1998)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Agreement on the international carriage of perishable foodstuffs and on the special equipment to be used for such carriage (ATP). Geneva, 1 September 1970

Accession: Georgia (30 November 1998)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Ratification: El Salvador (30 November 1998)*

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Signature: Morocco (1 December 1998)

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Sunday, 6 December 1998.

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the films entitled "Al Nakba: Palestinian Catastrophe, 1948" and "Journey to Bethlehem 2000". They can be viewed at the cultural exhibit area until 4 December 1998.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

The theme for the observance of the Day in 1998 is "Arts, culture and independent living". A message of the Secretary-General, as well as further information, can be found on the Internet at http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/disid98.htm

On Thursday, 3 December 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m., a panel discussion on "Independent living: lifecycle approaches to sustainable and secure livelihoods of persons with disabilities", organised by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place in Conference Room 4 with the participation of distinguished experts from the academic, non-governmental and private sectors. H.E. Bagher Asadi, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will serve as moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the accredited media are invited to attend.

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Signing ceremony

The United Nations and the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) are launching a Programme of Co-operation. The signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations will be followed by a panel discussion on "Accountability in Governance: Perspectives from ASPA". The event is being organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and will be held on Monday, 7 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For information please contact: Ms. Jeanne-Marie Col (Tel: 963- 8377) or Mr.Gary Manukyan (Tel. 963-5410)

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Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at United Nations Headquarters

General Assembly

10 December 1998

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Opening of the plenary meeting
	Presentation of the Human Rights Prizes
	Statements on the fiftieth anniversary
3 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.	Continuation of the plenary meeting
9.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.	Continuation of the plenary meeting

Other events at Headquarters

[All events are open to delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media.]

3-9 December 1998

Human Rights Film Festival, organized by the International Council of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, in cooperation with the United Nations, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium on 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9 December

Screening of films at 6 p.m. each evening, followed by a panel discussion

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9.15 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Video conference between H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic

11.15 a.m. Press conference of the Human Rights Prize winners [Open to the media only]

11.45 a.m. Opening of the UNICEF exhibit, entitled "Child Rights: A New Era for Children", by Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, and Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts (Main gallery of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

12.15 p.m. Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "For Everyone, Everywhere" (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)

1.05 p.m. Opening of the DPI Human Rights Exhibit by the Secretary-General, with the President of the General Assembly, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Human Rights Prize winners (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

1.15 p.m. Second screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "For Everyone, Everywhere" (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. UNICEF, UNHCR and Amnesty International presentation on the theme "For the Worldwide Right to Asylum", hosted by Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts, with statements by senior United Nations officials, human rights advocates and artists (Conference Room 1)

5.30 p.m. Presentation of children's passport version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the Secretary-General by United Nations Messengers of Peace (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

6.30 p.m. Special event, including an introduction of the Human Rights Prize winners and the presentation of the Human Rights Website of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 250 languages, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino, the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights and the Department of Public Information (DPI), followed by a reception, hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

8 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. Recital by Luciano Pavarotti and Wynton Marsalis (General Assembly Hall). *Tickets to be issued.*

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Senegal
H.E. Mr. Ibra Deguène Ka

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal

Eastern European States:
Russian Federation
H.E. Mr. Sergey V. Lavrov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Ricardo G. Castaneda-Cornejo

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